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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in an International Search Report, dated May 23, 2000, for counterpart PCT/DE 00/00046, to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,500,894 to HERSHBARGER, issued on March 19, 1996, was cited as an A-Category document (i.e., document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance) with respect to claims 1-4. The Examiner indicated the Abstract to be relevant;

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EP 0 467 367, published on January 22, 1992, along with an English language Abstract of the same, was cited as an A-Category document with respect to claims 1-4. The Examiner indicated the Abstract; and Figure 1 to be relevant; and

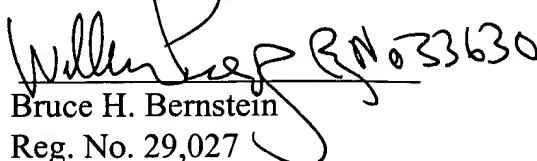
U.S. Patent No. 5,515,434 to COTREAU, issued on May 7, 1996, was cited as an A-Category document with respect to claims 1-4. The Examiner indicated the Abstract to be relevant.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents, as well as a copy of the International Search Report, are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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